

## THE NEW TARIFF BILL

### CHAIRMAN DINGLEY HAS IT COMPLETED.

Hopes of Canadians for Having Their Farm Products Admitted Free Will Be Blasted—The Wool Schedule Proving Very Troublesome

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Chairman Dingley of the House ways and means committee says that the new tariff bill will be ready to be introduced in the House Monday. The administrative features have not yet been drafted, nor has the reciprocity scheme, although the features of it are decided upon. These may be presented as committee amendments after the bill gets before the House. The tariff schedule is not yet perfected. The same difficulties have been met with in adjusting the rates on earthenware that were involved in woolen goods, the attempt to carry into effect the Republican policy of replacing ad valorem duties with specific. It has been found almost impossible to determine upon standards by which specific rates can be levied on china and pottery goods, the factors of decoration, weight and processes of manufacture entering so largely into the value of these goods, and it is quite probable that they will be placed under the McKinley schedule with some immaterial changes.

The reciprocity principle which will be embodied in the bill will be that of lower duties on certain classes of goods in return for concessions to certain lines of American goods. The principal lines of goods on which duties may be lowered by reciprocity treaties will be sugar, champagne, silks, gloves, mineral waters, chicle (much of which is imported for chewing gum) and argil, or crude tartar, which is one of the chief constituents of baking powders.

The president will be empowered by the bill to enter into treaties by which the duties will be materially lowered on importations of these goods from countries which make concessions to American cattle and other products. There will be no reciprocity which involves placing any important class of imports on the free list, or any authority given the executive to raise duties against imports from countries which refuse to enter into reciprocity treaties.

The reduction in the duty on sugar by reciprocity will be 1/2 of a cent a pound, so that sugar coming from the countries which make reciprocity treaties with the United States will be entered at 1 1/2 cents a pound. While the reduction seems small, a difference of 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds is a material one to sugar importers.

Most of the goods in the list given above which are imported into the United States come from Germany and France, and it is the expectation of the committee that reciprocity on champagne, silks and gloves will prove an inducement to these countries to abandon their policy of discrimination against American beef and pork.

The hopes of the new Canadian administration for closer reciprocal relations will be defeated by the Dingley bill. The Liberal party, under Laurier's leadership, has made closer commercial affiliations with the United States one of its foremost policies, and one of the first acts of the administration was to send Cartwright and Davies to Washington as commissioners to pave the way for reciprocity. Their mission has proved a fruitless one, because they desired to open the markets of this country to the farm products of Canada. In their interviews with Chairman Dingley and other members of the committee they were told, in diplomatic terms, but emphatically, that the design of the new tariff bill would be to preserve the markets of the United States by adequate protective duties on all farm products.

Representatives of the manufacturing interests profess to be dissatisfied with the readeption of the McKinley rates of wools, basing their complaint on the ground that the prices of wools are much lower than they were when the McKinley law was enacted, but the members of the committee think the point is not well taken.

#### A Noted Western Amazon Dies.

PERRY, Okla., March 13.—Mrs. Clara Omo, who died last night at the age of 56, is said to have killed five men. She left New York for Kansas when a child, became an expert rifle shot and, at the age of 15, is said to have killed a Caddo Indian. In 1890 she is said to have killed a man named Ed Smith in a canyon near Butte, Mont., after a six minutes' fight, during which she was severely cut with a hunting knife by Smith.

#### Turkey to Buy Warships.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 13.—In semi-official circles here it is positively asserted that the administration of the sultan's civil list is negotiating with the United States government for the purchase of two or three iron-clads, which have already been completed in the United States, and it is added that the sum of \$200,000 has already been paid on account.

#### Flames at Sedalia.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 13.—Fire started in the engine room of the mill and feed store of George T. Menefee & Son, corner of West Second street and Montauk avenue, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and the entire plant was quickly consumed. The loss on buildings and contents will exceed \$5,000, and is total, there being no insurance.

#### Wilton Mines Closed.

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 13.—The famous Wilton mines in this city have been temporarily closed down on account of lack of capital and market.

#### Prosecutor Lowe Reprimanded.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—Frank M. Lowe, prosecuting attorney of Jackson county, appeared before the bar of the House of Representatives for refusing to testify before the House committee which investigated the police department of Kansas City.

#### Oklahoma Assembly Ends Its Work.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 13.—The fourth legislative assembly of Oklahoma adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock last night, after making sixty-four laws.

## TOBACCO TRUST WINS.

Vice Chancellor Reed of New Jersey Dismisses the Test Suit.

TRENTON, N. J., March 13.—Vice Chancellor Reed this morning filed with the clerk of the court of chancery his decision dismissing the suit brought against the American Tobacco company, jointly in the name of the attorney general and Miller Bros., tobacco dealers of Newark, for the purpose of restraining the company from transacting its business and from conducting the business in a manner "prejudicial to the complainants and injurious to the people of the state of New Jersey."

Vice Chancellor Reed makes comparisons as to what would be the right of an individual and of a corporation under the same conditions. He says that it would not be thought of to go into court to restrain an individual from exercising the right of selling to whom he pleased and he argues that a corporation has the same right in this respect as the individual.

## IN HAVANA'S SUBURBS.

Rebels Capture Two Store-houses Within the City Limits.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 13.—Cuban Leader Acosta made a raid on the suburbs of Havana, within half a mile of two block houses. Wednesday night, capturing thirty-five Spanish soldiers and two officers. The attack was made on the turnpike, or military road, as it is called, one of the best fortified roadways on the island. The point of attack was a little hamlet where there were two large storehouses containing considerable ammunition and also clothing for the Spanish forces. Knowing that they could not retain them, they looted the building of all equipment that would be of value to them, consisting of two stands of arms and considerable ammunition. They spiked the small field pieces, setting fire to the house inside and dashed off rapidly.

The Spanish pursued them within half an hour, but came back two hours later and reported that the rebels could not be found.

## EXPERTS MAKE A MISTAKE.

Three Members of a Government Commission Scolded by Gas.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 13.—Three members of the commission appointed by the national government to inspect the steel plants of the county with a view of obtaining information regarding the iron industries, with several members of the Carbon Steel company, were inspecting the plant yesterday when one member struck a match and put it inside the door of a furnace from which the fires had only recently been drawn. The furnace was filled with gas and an explosion followed. The faces and hands of the commissioners were burned and their hair and moustaches singed. The necktie of one of the men and the clothing of the others caught fire in several places. Last night the members of the commission left for Boston. The names of the injured were not given out. One of them is a captain in the United States navy and another a lieutenant.

## Johnson and Eyke Rejected.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—M. A. Eyke and Frank G. Johnson, the Kansas City police commissioners, were refused confirmation by the state Senate yesterday afternoon. The report of the Senate investigating committee was an emphatic denunciation of the methods of the police department, coupled with which was a suggestion that a general weeding out of the force is necessary. Eyke fares better than Johnson in the report, but he does not escape censure. Johnson did not receive a vote for confirmation and only three senators voted for Eyke.

## Big Chicago Fire.

CHICAGO, March 13.—Fire broke out last evening in the building occupied by the John A. Tolman company, wholesale grocers, at the corner of Michigan avenue and Lake street, and, driven by a strong northwest wind, soon spread to the upper stories of 10, 12 and 14 Lake street, occupied by Chase & Sanborn's coffee and spice house. After three hours' hard work the fire was gotten under control. Total loss, \$800,000.

## Desperate Kansas Robbers Caught.

WICHITA, Kan., March 13.—William Shives and Oscar Nelson, two of the robbers who entered the house of a German farmer named Williamson, near Burton, February 23, and compelled him, by holding a knife at his throat, to disclose the hiding place of \$87, were arrested here by Detectives Bedford Woods and Harry Sutton, and the other robber, J. Underwood, was caught at Hutchinson.

## "Father of Waters" Is Unruly.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 13.—The "Father of Waters" continues at this point its booming career, surprising planters, citizens, and the other inhabitants alike. In the past twelve hours a rise of one-seventh of a foot is noticed, with little prospect of a cessation. River steamers, both through and local, are making landings never before attempted, and in some instances boats touch at points forty odd miles inland.

## Mother and Son Drowned.

RICHMOND, Mich., March 12.—A vehicle containing Fred Harrington and his aged mother was precipitated into the river while the two were driving along the shore late last night. Both were drowned. Recent rains had flooded the roadbed.

## English Protest Against Coercion.

LONDON, March 13.—A great meeting was held last evening at St. James hall, to protest against the proposal of the powers to apply coercion to Greece. Resolutions denouncing this policy were adopted with enthusiasm, after strong speeches by Herbert Gladstone, John Dillon, Henry Labouchere and others. "Mr. Gladstone wired from Cannes: 'God help your efforts.'"

## For the Inspection of Oil.

TOPLEA, Kan., March 12.—The Senate has passed Fulton's bill to regulate the inspection of oil in this state.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Populist reform press editors are preparing to make things politically hot for Populist Chairman Butler.

The success of last year has induced many Oklahoma farmers to prepare for a large cotton acreage this year.

Ex-Vice President Adlai Stevenson and wife reached their old home, Bloomington, Ill., and were royally welcomed.

A mother and her two daughters are drowned near Corsicana, Tex., while bravely endeavoring to rescue the third daughter from the Brazos river.

Cyclers of Minnesota and the two Dakotas propose to form a Northwest Bicycle league and secede from the L. A. W.

Miss Gertie Tressler, in a somnolent vision, saw the location of buried treasure at Knoxville, Iowa, and next morning went out and dug up \$600 in gold.

W. L. Caldwell, a railway stenographer wanted at Wichita, Kan., has been arrested at Lincoln, Neb.

Ex-Governor Lewelling of Kansas says that he doesn't care how much his enemies roast him in the Legislature, he won't quit his job.

Alonso Walling and Scott Jackson, the condemned murderers of Pearl Bryan, are ill.

European stock markets are unsettled by war rumors.

Irreverent Kansas legislators propose humorous amendments to Representative Walters' measure enacting the Ten Commandments into laws.

Two Indiana children, while standing on a trestle viewing the flood, were knocked off into the water by a train and instantly killed.

Near Birmingham, Ala., freight trains collided at a crossing. One engineer was killed.

The statement that the Senate will refuse to seat senators appointed by governors is reiterated.

Peter Jackson is boxing in England with Bill Slavin, and is anxious to fight Corbett again.

T. T. Crittenden, consul general to Mexico, has resigned.

Ex-King Tamassee is again making trouble in Samoa.

David L. Foutz, the famous baseball player, is dead at Baltimore.

District Attorney Barnes says Durrant will be hung inside of four months.

The powers have chosen W. L. Chambers of Alabama as chief justice of Samoa to succeed Mr. Ide of Vermont.

Cleveland's pocket vetoes will entail great inconvenience unless the extra session of Congress makes appropriations.

The Katy railroad is to build car shops at Sedalia, the city donating the necessary site and giving \$100,000 in cash.

Union elevator No. 2 at Peoria, Ill., the property of the Barlington, burned with about one million bushels of grain; loss nearly \$500,000.

The Senate confirmed the new cabinet although the silver men made mild opposition to Gage and Bliss because the former was a banker and the latter was not a lawyer. Out of compliment to Sherman his nomination was confirmed in open session without reference to a committee.

Star Pointer was sold for \$15,000 at the Madison Square Garden, New York, sale, to J. A. Murphy of Chicago.

Congressman Newlands says the silverites like McKinley and will not hinder his proposed tariff legislation.

The Methodist conference at Manhattan, Kan., Bishop McCabe presiding, voted 84 to 3 to admit women delegates.

Charitable organizations of St. Joseph, Mo., have decided to extend the Pingree system for the use of vacant lots during the coming season.

By an explosion in mine 44 of the Kansas and Texas coal company at Huntington, Ark., thirty-five men were burned. Bud Hanley is dead.

John Hay has rented a house in London. He is expected to succeed Bayard at Easter.

A foot-pad attempted to sandbag a New York man, and failing fled. He was captured and died before reaching the police station.

Many of Cleveland's nominees failed of confirmation, and the offices are at the disposal of McKinley.

A delegation of Missourians, headed by Richard C. Kerens, called upon the President.

Ex-Queen Liloukalani sent a note to the White house, asking for an audience with the President.

The provision opening the Uncompagire reservation was part of the Indian appropriation bill, which failed.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation calling Congress together in extra session March 15.

General B. M. Prentiss will be appointed postmaster at Bethany, Mo., when the present incumbent's commission expires.

Floods near Newton, Ill., washed away bridges and drowned much stock.

Two negro murderers were tried at Mayfield, Ky., and given life sentences.

It is probable that no wine will be served at the White house during this administration.

President Johnson and two members of the Oklahoma Senate resigned, saying that the body was no place for honest men.

Six persons were killed and a score or more injured, ten of them severely, by the explosion of gas in a subway at Tremont and Boylston streets, Boston.

Mr. Bryan addressed an enormous crowd at Salem, Ill., his birth place.

McKinley's cabinet officers were sworn in and took charge of their departments.

Republicans of the Senate met in caucus and found that they could not muster an organizing majority.

A California inventor has perfected a device to generate power from ocean waves.

Joseph Dasigi, Turkish Consul to Boston, indicted for burglary.

Great Northern train wrecked in the snow in North Dakota. One fireman killed.

Robert Watson ended a six months spree at Harrisonville, Mo., by throwing himself under a train.

## NEW PARTY PROPOSED

### AMALGAMATION OF ALL THE BRYAN FORCES.

To Be Named the American Party—Priorities to Be Held All Over the Country on July Fourth to Elect Delegates to a National Congress.

CHICAGO, March 13.—An effort is to be made to effect a permanent amalgamation of the factions which were allied in the support of W. J. Bryan. Several conferences have recently been held in Chicago, at which the situation was discussed and a decision reached that some steps should be taken to prevent the threatened disruption of what may be termed the reform forces.

The April number of New Occasions, a radical magazine published in Chicago, voices the sentiment of those who have been in conference in an address which calls for the abandonment of old party lines and a reorganization under the name of the American party.

The editorial proposes a novel method of forming a party platform and organization. It suggests that "At noon of July 4 next the American people meet in the respective townships, precincts or voting places and organize by voting precincts all over the United States. Each precinct should elect one representative to a Congressional convention, to be held a few days later. Each precinct should also perfect a permanent organization."

"At the Congressional conventions one representative should be chosen as a member of the people's congress. He should be selected, not for his oratorical ability, but for his capacity to think. Select men who are willing to abide by the will of the majority, and, having selected them, pledge yourselves to abide by the result of their combined wisdom."

"This congress of 557 men, with delegates from the territories, should meet at some central point and organize."

Copies of this proposed plan have been mailed to the various national committees and leaders of the different organizations, and if the responses are favorable a conference will be held in Chicago at an early date and a definite plan of action agreed upon.

## BOWS BEFORE THE LAW.

Stock Yards Company Reduces Charges About Forty Per Cent.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 13.—Beginning this morning a new schedule of charges went into effect at the Kansas City stock yards, the old rate being cut about forty per cent, in accordance with the new Kansas law. Hereafter the yardage charge upon cattle is to be 15 cents instead of 25 cents a head; upon calves 8 cents a head, instead of 10 cents; upon hogs 6 cents a head, instead of 8, and upon sheep 4 cents a head, instead of 5.

Hay and corn are to be furnished at still greater reductions. Hay has been \$1 a hundredweight and corn \$1 a bushel. Under the new law the company may charge for feed not over 100 per cent more than the average market price of the preceding day. To-day hay will be 15 cents a hundredweight at the yards and corn 35 cents a bushel.

## A LULL IN THE STORM.

Where Will the Cretan Troubles Break Out Next?

ATHENS, March 13.—The Cretan question is passing through a period of quiescence, a lull having followed the reply of Greece to the powers, and everybody seems to be wondering where and when the storm will break out afresh. In spite of the repeated assertions made in different capitals of Europe that the powers are acting in concert towards Greece, it is remarked here that if this were the case the threatened coercion of Greece would have been an accomplished fact long before this.

## NEBRASKA BRIBERY.

A List of Bidders Offered to the State Senate—Investigation Voted Down.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 12.—Tuesday evening D. E. Thomson, president of the Lincoln Gas company, wrote a letter to the Senate offering to give a list of names of bribe seekers who were connected with the Senate and who had approached him. The letter caused a sensation yesterday, and a motion to have an investigating committee appointed resulted in a tie vote, Lieutenant Governor Harris defeating it by voting in the negative. It is thought that the matter will not rest here.

## RED O'BRIEN CONVICTED.

Sentenced to Prison for Twelve Years for the Savannah, Mo., Bank Robbery.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 13.—Red O'Brien, known to the police of the world as a bank robber, was convicted of leading a gang of four crooks in an assault on the State bank at Savannah, Mo., fifteen miles northeast here, a year ago last month and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years.

## James G. Blaine's Brother Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Robert G. Blaine, a brother of the late James G. Blaine, died last night at his residence in this city. He was 65 years of age and leaves a widow and six children. Mr. Blaine has resided here for a number of years and for some time was employed in an executive capacity.

## An Injured Husband's Crime.

SANTA FE, N. M., March 12.—News has just reached here that Silverio Martinez and a woman named Sandoval were shot and killed at Coyote, Bernadillo county, by the woman's husband, a prominent ranch owner, who returned home unexpectedly and found them together.

## A Venerable Woman at Rest.

TEXA, Mo., March 12.—"Grandmother" Mitchell, aged 97 years, died at the home of her son, Thomas, south of here yesterday. She was the oldest woman in Carroll county.

## MISSOURI A TRIFLE SLOW.

Bill Reducing Stock Yard Charges Passes the Lower House.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—The house passed the stock yards bill known as the State bill. It fixes the charges to be made for yarding, watering and weighing cattle, at 18 cents a head for cattle, 10 cents for calves, 6 cents for hogs, 4 cents for sheep. It also provides that no charge greater than twice the market price shall be made for feed.

It provides that anyone violating the provisions of the act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first offense, not more than \$200 for the second offense, not more than \$500 after this, and it also allows a sentence of six months in jail for each offense.

## BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

There Is Continued Activity in the Various Industrial Lines.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Bradstreet's says: "Continued activity in various industrial lines, based on an expanding consumptive demand, fairly steady prices for staples, further improvement in railway earnings and widespread confidence that the volume of business will expand materially in the near future, constitute trade features of the week. Spring demand has begun to show itself with retailers. There is a better inquiry for shoes, hats and clothing, and for light hardware and agricultural implements West and Southwest. Industrial revival has been offset in instances by the closing of factories and mills, and in others by continued operation dependent upon paying reduced wages."

## MANY LIVES LOST.

Thursday Night's Storm in the North Very Disastrous.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 13.—Reports from the big storm of Thursday have been coming in faster than the railroad trains. Some lines are buried beneath ten to fifteen feet of snow, and the drifts are miles in length.

An Ashland, Wis., special says: "It is rumored that numerous lives were lost in the great blizzard that swept the shore of Lake Superior. The storm came from the Northwest, piling the ice fifty feet high on the Apostle islands, and other points on the south shore of the lake. The snow in the streets of Ashland is from four to six feet deep."

## Red O'Brien Confesses.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 13.—Red O'Brien, the noted bank robber, who was convicted of being implicated in looting the State bank at Savannah, fifteen miles northeast of here, and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment, asked to testify against Frank Lockridge, another member of the gang, when the latter was arraigned for trial to-day. O'Brien made a complete confession, and said Lockridge, Faddy McGraw and Dutch Webber were other members of the gang who committed the crime. Lockridge was raised in Kansas City.

## Love Found a Way.

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 13.—John Summers of St. Louis, who eloped with Eula Caldwell, 11-year-old daughter of J. F. Caldwell, of this place, four weeks ago, has finally married the girl. The couple tried for four weeks to procure a marriage license, and, being unsuccessful, returned home. The father of the bride consented, and the couple were married yesterday.

## Carried Out on an Ice Floe.

SEWING, Mich., March 13.—The heavy wind yesterday broke up the ice in Saginaw bay. One hundred and fifty fishermen, of whom about half are from Bay City, were on the ice about four miles from shore. Mostly all escaped to Maison and Lone Tree islands. It is reported that five men from Bay City are on the ice and have been carried out with the floe.

## Wash Hesing for Mayor.

CHICAGO, March 13.—The mayoralty contest in Chicago was made a four-cornered fight last night by the formal nomination of Washington Hesing at a non-partisan convention held at Battery D. A complete city ticket, which will go on the official ballot under the caption: "Business Administration of Municipal Affairs," was nominated.

## For Misuse of the Mails.

WICHITA, Kan., March 13.—In the United States circuit court to-day, W. J. Perkins was convicted of having used the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, but penalties are suspended during his good behavior.

## Immigration Shows a Decrease.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A statement prepared at the Immigration bureau shows that during the six months ended December 31, 1896, the number of immigrants that arrived in this country as 149,808, a decrease as compared with the same period in 1895, of 42,400.

## Nebraska Legal Tender Law.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 13.—The house passed, without the emergency clause, Wooster's bill prescribing what shall be legal tender in Nebraska. This bill is intended to prevent the insertion of the gold clause in contracts or mortgages.

## Greece Thanks America's Senate.

ATHENS, March 13.—M. Skouzes, Greek minister of foreign affairs, has cabled the thanks of the Greek government to the United States Senate for the resolution of sympathy recently adopted by that body.

## A Judgment for \$15,000.

LIBERTY, Mo., March 13.—Joseph S. Chick of Kansas City and the heirs of the late Hiram M. Northrup were given judgment in the Circuit court here against the Kansas City Bridge and Terminal company and other defendants for \$15,000.

## NEWS BOILED DOWN.

Irving B. Dudley of San Diego is booked for minister to Hawaii.

A remarkably heavy snow storm is reported in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Dennis Flynn will be appointed governor of Oklahoma to succeed Renfrow.

Lela and Morrison, Okla., report a hail storm that killed chickens and damaged crops, etc.

By the collapse of the old walls of the town of Fez, in Morocco, 180 workmen were killed.

Standard Oil company people are going to erect a 5,000,000 bushel grain elevator at Bayonne, N. J.

There is talk of the city of New York spending \$100,000 on a farm colony for habitual drunkards.

Carter Harrison, Jr., was nominated for mayor by Chicago Democrats and Altgeld and Bryan endorsed.

English Marine Insurance company lost 2,000,000 pounds on shipwreck from January 1 to February 27.

Jenny Doty, Middletown, O., dressed in her wedding clothes, committed suicide at the Grand hotel in Indianapolis.

John F. Pierce, cashier of the Reading Railroad Co.'s Port Richmond coal wharves and \$5,000 cash are missing.

William Dawson, a St. Paul banker who was worth over \$5,000,000 clear in 1895, has turned everything over to his creditors.

Albert Ziemer, a Cleveland, O., merchant, was fatally shot in Chicago by policemen who went gunning for a burglar.

Ranavalona III., Queen of Madagascar, has been exiled to the island of Reunion, a French possession near Port Louis, Mauritius.

The steamer Lake Winnipeg was twenty-five days going from St. Johns, N. B